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## Still A Few Tickets Left For The Big Democrat Banquet Monday--But You'll Have To Hurry

### REPUBLICAN HARMONY.

Democrats Sat Back and Watched a Row in the House.

Political fireworks, in which the Republicans and Progressives discharged fusillades at one another to the great amusement of the Democrats, took up much of the session in the lower house of congress one day last week.

A row between Representative Howard, Democrat, of Georgia, and Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriations committee, in which Howard assailed Fitzgerald for his economy speech brought Republican Leader Mann into the fray.

He declared Fitzgerald, working in vain to hold his party to its pledges of economy, was trying to get support from the Progressives.

"But the Republicans and Progressives in this house and elsewhere," said Mr. Mann, "think together, work together and vote together. And in the end we'll get together and then woe to you on the other side of the house. We've been having a family quarrel, but you better keep out of it."

"The gentleman from Illinois," interrupted Progressive Leader Murdock, "is right. We'll get together. The Republican party will come to us."

"The gentleman from Kansas," ventured Representative Payne of New York, "is trying to make political capital for what is left of his party. He is now running for the senate from Kansas. He knows he would be beaten for the House in his district, and he is running for the Senate because he wants a bigger political funeral."

"Speaking of funerals," retorted Murdock, "does the gentleman think I am looking for a bigger funeral than he brought the Republican party with his tariff bill?"

Ed's Query:—If the Payne tariff bill made the Republican party a participant in a political funeral, it must have been a bad bill. And if that be true, why did Murdock vote to continue to keep the Payne law, which he did when he voted against the Underwood bill?

### MRS. OXLEY DEAD.

The following notices from an Oregon paper refer to the death of a former Barton county resident:

Goshen, Ore., March 26.—The funeral of Mrs. Carrie Oxley, who died Wednesday morning, was held here today and largely attended and a great many floral offerings were prepared and bestowed by loving hands. Services were held in the M. E. church of this place and Rev. Warner pastor, conducted the obsequies. Interment was made in the Goshen cemetery.

Mrs. Oxley was a former resident of this community, being a daughter of C. P. Ayers of the south side. She has many old friends here who will be very sorry to hear of her death.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONVENTION.

The Tenth District Convention of the Churches of Christ, which has been held this week at the Church of Christ, Great Bend, has been the best and largest ever held by the district. The afternoon and evening services have taxed the capacity of the building. Reports show the churches to be growing in a very satisfactory manner. More than 145 delegates from out of town have been in attendance. The largest delegations were from Larned, LaCrosse and Herington. The speakers from out of the district were O. N. Roth, Chancellor of Phillips University, Enid, Okla., Geo. E. Lyon, David H. Owen, John D. Zimmerman and Miss Alma Evelyn Moore, of Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. A. I. Wilson, of Marlow, Kansas.

The following resolution was adopted by the convention:

"Be it Resolved: That this convention extend a vote of thanks to the pastor of this church, Otto Shirley, and his faithful congregation, and the people of Great Bend, for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality shown."

Be it Further Resolved: That we express our thanks to Chancellor O. N. Roth, of Phillips University, for his splendid address and to the members of the State Board for their excellent presentation of the work of the different departments; also wish to express thanks for the space generously given by the press.

F. H. SCHMIDT  
FRANK BUCKMAN  
WM. ETTING.

### COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Democratic County Central Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, April 20, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the office of the Barton County Democrat, for the discussion of matters of importance to the party. All members of the Committee are urged to be present, as this is likely to be the only meeting held before the new Committeemen are elected at the August primaries.

Some of the prominent men of the party in both the state and nation will be in attendance at the meeting, and will probably deliver some timely talks and it is hoped that every committeeman will be present.

WELL E. STOKES, Chm.

Rudy Mauser, Louis Mausolf, John Reid and Charley Springer were down from Walnut township Monday on business with the county surveyor concerning a part of the county road through that township. At one place there are two surveyor's marking stones, several feet apart, and as they are now ready to grade up the road and get it in shape they want the matter settled as to which stone, if either, is correct. They were accompanied on the trip by Rev. John Goes, of Albert, and Mr. Reid's daughter.

### WORK MOVING RAPIDLY.

And Great Bend Will Soon Be Sporting Paved Streets.

Work on the paving contracts is moving along in nice shape, and it will be only a few days until the real work of paving the streets will commence. The work of putting in the guttering on the Forest avenue block is now completed and the other streets are being shaped up rapidly. There has been an enormous amount of dirt to move from all the blocks, but this is about finished and things will move much more rapidly from now on.

Fifty car loads of rock have already been received, the most of which has been unloaded. The contractors have paid C. S. Allison, the transfer man, a high compliment on this work, as they say they have received better and more satisfactory service in this respect than in any other town where they have had contracts. He has had a large number of teams at the work ever since the first car arrived and has kept up with the shipments in good shape.

About thirty-five single men are employed on the work besides the men with teams, and, as satisfactory wages are being paid, the work means a big help to the laboring men of town. The paving fever is on in the community and the prospects are that by the time the contractors are through with the work already planned there will be several more blocks where the property owners will petition for paving, and by full the town will have a number of its best streets fixed up in fine shape. It is hoped that the city commissioners will see fit to complete the paving of Main street down to the river bridge while the present contractors are at work here. There is no question of the great need of this work, and it will be absolutely necessary that it be done at some time in the near future, and while the contractors have their equipment all at hand to do the work it can be put in at a great deal less cost to the property owners and city than will be the case at any other time. Let's fix Main street right while we are at it.

A. P. Newkirk returned from Florida last Friday and will remain here to look after his property during the summer months. Mr. Newkirk, in addition to owning several hundred acres of good Barton county land has a fine place in Florida where he spends his winters. He purchased land there several years ago at what was rather a low price, but it has been advancing in value rapidly, and besides paying him good returns on the investment, it is now worth several times what he paid for it in the first place. He was accompanied home by a Mr. Gamage, a young friend of his, who will remain during the summer.

Democrat Banquet Monday night.

### M. W. A. AT LARNED.

Members of Great Bend Lodge Enjoyed Fine Visit.

A large number of the members of the Modern Woodmen Camp of this city anted to Larned Wednesday evening in answer to an invitation from the camp at that place to come up and participate in a big gathering and the boys returned home the next morning with, if possible, a still warmer feeling in their hearts for the Larned bunch than ever before.

Thirty-four members in all from Great Bend made the trip, leaving the city about 6 o'clock in the evening. The roads for the most part were good and the ride both ways was a most enjoyable one. Upon their arrival in Larned they spent a little time in looking over the city and then repaired to the lodge hall where a fine concert was given by the Larned Woodmen Band, one of the finest bands to be found anywhere, and which, by the way, is led by Harry Hoffman, a former Barton county boy. Following this the lodge opened in form, and after the routine work was disposed of, a class of twenty-one candidates for adoption were introduced and given the full degree work. Three of the candidates, Dr. Owens, Leonard Gunn and Jack Cartmell, were from this city, while two others, Dr. Fred Pressel and Banker Geo. Starr, of Timken, were former Great Benders. Four of the candidates were from Larned, and the balance were from Rosel, Blon, Timken, Garfield and other of the neighboring towns.

As has been stated before in these columns, for the Democrat man is strong for the Larned M. W. A., the degree team of that city is one of the best to be found anywhere, and their work in the exercises on Wednesday evening was, if possible, even superior to that which they have been putting on on previous occasions, and not one single 'bobble' from the team or the lodge officers, marked the perfect exemplification of the work which was thoroughly appreciated and highly enjoyed by every member present.

Almost all of the Camps in the Larned vicinity had representations at the meeting, over 300 in all being present, Barton county being represented by thirty-four members from Great Bend, one from Albert and one from Galatia. Following the work of initiation a fine banquet was served by the Foresters, cigars were passed, talks were made by a number of the members from different communities and a real old fashioned social time enjoyed until a late hour.

The Larned and Great Bend Camps are somewhat twin sisters, and the feeling between the two organizations has always been most cordial and friendly. They have visited back and forth on various occasions, but it is safe to say that none of the meetings have been as enjoyable to all concerned as the one this week. The art of entertaining and of making the strangers within the gates feel at home, is one which has never been a lost art in Larned, and if such might ever have been the case, it has been rejuvenated in good shape by their Woodmen Lodge. They are a jolly good bunch who are doing well the good work of protecting their loved ones and those of their companions who have gone before and they happily combine the mirthful with the serious in a way which is making their lodge one of the strongest in the state and is doing a good thing for the community. They are entertainers without superiors, and their kindly welcome and entertainment was appreciated by every visitor in attendance.

Those present from this city were W. E. Stokes, Jesse Hood, A. E. Raseley, W. L. Bowersox, Fred Klenke, E. B. Hart, Sam Kellam, Charles Travis, Frank Unruh, M. Eppstein, W. T. and C. H. Paxson, Ray Scott, Ed Brown, George Plank, Will Vollmer, Sam Eltel, Orr Patterson, Ira Clark, Will Evers, Fred Hemker, Arthur Griffith, Al Korn, A. Schwager, Victor Blakey, Jack Cartmell, Leonard Gunn, Boyd Evers, Frank Westman, Earl Byers, Ed Marx, Dr. Owens, A. D. Crawford and Ora Hall. A. V. Strong of Albert, and a member from Galatia whose name we did not learn, were also in attendance. Other former Barton county people who attended were Dr. Ewing and Dr. Pressel, of Larned, John and Lee Compton, of Rosel, P. D. Lameroux, of Garfield, and George Starr, of Timken.

Democrat Banquet Monday night.

### ELLINWOOD A BUSY PLACE.

In company with E. R. Moses, Chas. E. Lobdell and James Tabler, the Democrat man made a trip to Ellinwood Saturday afternoon to talk milk condensary to the people of that section, but quickly found that there was no occasion for the assistance of any outsiders to arouse interest in the matter. The people of Ellinwood and vicinity are quick to catch on to a good thing when they see it, and they recognize the fact that the establishment of a condensary plant anywhere in their near vicinity would mean just as much for them as if it were located in their own town and they have a live bunch of boosters who are pushing the project and as in every thing else they can be counted on to do their full share, and then some, if necessary.

On account of the short crops last year, Ellinwood, like Great Bend and about all the other towns in this section of the state, has been somewhat 'dead' since last fall, but if Saturday was any indication of a change in events for the better, they have most certainly come back to life in good shape. There was one of the biggest Saturday crowds in town that has been there in a long time and every store in town seemed to be doing a big business. Ellinwood has one of the largest and best trading territories of any town of its size in this part of the state, and it seemed like all of the people who ever traded there were in town that day. The writer talked with farmers from every section of that community and failed to hear one single complaint about the condition of the wheat crop. Some of the growers were of the opinion that a little more moisture would be a good thing but all agreed that the crop nowhere in that section was suffering in any degree as yet, and all were very optimistic as to the outcome of the crop for this year. There is not a better agricultural region in the world than in the immediate vicinity of Ellinwood, nor is there a better class of farmers or citizens to be found anywhere, and they are entitled to the best returns that old Mother Earth can give them for their labors.

### ATHENIAN CLUB.

The Athenian Club met with Mrs. Vida Morrison on April 13, with a good attendance and was an interesting meeting. The program was as follows:

Traveling by Caravan Through the Desert—Mrs. Anna Moses.

Napoleon in Egypt—Mrs. Nellie Smith.

The British in Egypt—Mrs. Mary Zutavern.

The Suez Canal, Its Construction and Its Importance to Egypt—Mrs. Wagaman.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. Helen Hartman—President.

Mrs. Nellie Smith—V. President.

Mrs. Jennie Castle—Treasurer.

Mrs. Ola Chapman—Secretary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker—Ass. Sec.

The Club will meet with Mrs. Katherine Smith on April 20.

### HAVE A WHITE WAY.

The electric light company have a force of men busily engaged in putting the conduits in the streets where the paving is going in so that the light poles on these streets may be removed. The city commissioners and property owners are arranging for the installation of a White Way in the city. It is planned to put in seven poles to the block on Main street and six to the block on Lakin and Forest Avenues, on the main streets. It has not been decided as yet just what the county commissioners will do in regard to putting in the poles around the city park. Some of the board are not any too sure of the board are not any too hastily in favor of the idea, but the general public seems to be in favor of them, and the chances are that they will be installed. With these additions to the lighting system, the business part of Great Bend will be as well illuminated as that of any town of its size in the state, and it will be an advertisement which will speak well for the push and progressiveness of the people of the city. Let's have the bright lights. It helps to make a live, worthwhile town.

Peter Brack was down from Omaha yesterday on a business trip and visit.

### MORE CONDENSARY DOPE.

Project Moving in Fine Shape—Plenty Of Cows Assured.

The meeting of the Business Men's Association, together with the committee and others interested in the condensary movement, was held in the Commercial Club rooms Monday evening, and was well attended by interested townspeople and farmers.

The meeting was an adjourned session of the one held a week previous and was for the purpose of hearing the reports of the committees which had been appointed to interview the farmers and see how many cows they would agree to milk providing a condensary was located in this city and a reasonable price paid for the product. The reports of the committee, which had been divided into sub-committees, were most flattering and evidenced the fact that there is going to be no trouble in securing the requisite four thousand or more cows, and also proved that the people all over the county are intensely interested in the project and are as anxious for the establishment of the plant as are the Great Bend people who started the project.

A number of the members of the investigating committees were not in attendance at the meeting, but from the five members who turned in reports, pledges to the number of 1899 cows were already secured.

Adolph Held, who is working the territory in the vicinity of Herington, has already secured pledges of 415 cows, and says he has not covered nearly all the territory and will have no trouble in bringing the number up to 1,000.

Will Stanley and Reg Russell have not covered all of their territory yet but already have pledges for 817.

S. H. Gwin, who is covering the territory west of town on the north side of the river, reported pledges of 178, with the chances that this number could be increased to a considerable extent.

Henry Maybach, who worked south-west of town, reported pledges for 276 and estimated that he had his territory pretty well covered.

Adolph Nicolet, who also worked south of town, sent in pledges for 228 with the probability that this number could be increased.

Frank Smith, who has been working in the Heizer neighborhood, has covered a part of his territory and has 283 pledged. However he had not seen a large number of the farmers out that way and the probability is that this number will be about doubled after a thorough canvass has been made.

These pledges make a total of 1899 cows, but in reality, but a small amount of the territory has been canvassed. A delegation of Ellinwood business men, Dr. H. B. Robison, president of the Ellinwood Commercial Club; D. C. Johnson, Editor H. L. Smith and Charles Melles, were in attendance at the meeting and estimated from talks they had had with various farmers of that community, that a thousand cows could easily be secured in that vicinity. Will Rogers, who lives southeast of town, is a great booster for the condensary and is of the opinion that 500 cows or more can be secured in that vicinity which has not been worked at all yet. Several of the others who were on the committee were not in to report, and there is no question but what after all the reports are in that the number of the people in the vicinity of the neighboring towns, both east and west, and up the Scott City branch, are becoming interested in the movement and state that they will furnish a large number of cows if the plant is built as contemplated. The train service into Great Bend is such as to make it an ideal place for a large condensary as it is centrally located in an extremely rich territory and trains come from all three directions in the forenoon. It is quite probable that if the plant is built receiving stations will be put in at many of the neighboring towns, and the product from these stations handled in refrigerator cars so that it will reach the condensary in good shape.

Editor Smith, of the Ellinwood Leader, is a mighty good booster for the condensary and is doing all he can to see that it is located here. He was at both Mulvane and Larned before the condensaries were built at those places and also visited them after they had been in operation, and

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### SEASON OPENS



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